Abbitt Bill Changes Burley Allotment Set-Up

Washington, D. C.- The House yesterday passed a comprehensive bill introduced by Representative Watkins M. Abbitt, Chairman of the Tobacco Subcommittee of the House of Representatives, dealing with the problem of surplus production of Burley tobacco and directing a redetermination of the national marketing quota for the 1955-56 marketing year.

The Abbitt Bill, in addition to dealing with the Burley tobacco program, specifically makes four important changes in the over-all tobacco program and is intended to strengthen it so as to prevent the accumulation of large surpluses of all types of tobacco.

The bill, as passed, provides:

(1) That the rate of penalty on the marketing of excess tobacco be increased from 50 per cent to 75 per cent of the average market price during the previous year:

(2) Amends the present law to provide that any acreage of tobacco harvested in excess of the allotted acreage for any farm for any year shall not be considered in the establishment of the allotment for the farm in succeeding years;

(3) Amends the law to require a reduction in the acreage allotment next established for a farm if any person connected with the farm causes, aids, or acquiesces in filing or causing to be filed any report with respect to the acreage of tobacco grown on the farm which the county committee determines to be false;

(4) To reduce the minimum acreage provision of Burley tobacco from seven-tenths of one acre to five-tenths of an acre, with the proviso that no allotment of seven-tenths of an acre shall be reduced more than one-tenth of an acre in any one year and of course no allotment of five-tenths or less could be cut at all;

(5) To amend the law to permit the Department of Agriculture to redetermine the national marketing quota for Burley tobacco for 1955 provided, however, that any reduction they might make could not be more than 15 per cent below the present announced quota;

(6) To provide for a referendum to be conducted by the Secretary of Agriculture to determine whether the tobacco growers are in favor of or opposed to the redetrimned tobacco quota. If more than one-third of the Burley tobacco farmers voting in the referendum oppose such redetermined quota then there will be no quota for Burley tobacco for 1955 and no price support will be made available for the 1955 crop of Burley tobacco.

Congressman Abbitt, in commenting on the bill, said that figures show that there is a considerable surplus of Burley tobacco. "This situation resulted in a considerable surplus, far more than the Department realized when they announced the allotment last fall," Abbitt pointed out.

The Sub-committee chairman said that there was a carry over of 1,198,000,000 pounds of Burley tobacco as of October 1, 1954, and that with the 1954 crop the total poundage had reached 1,868,000,000 pounds. The 1955 allotment was 10 per cent below the 1954 allotment, Abbitt pointed out, and the Department feels it should be cut at least another 15 per cent if the program is to be sound. The 1954 allotment was 399,463 acres, and with the 10 per cent reduction the 1955 allotment amounts to 370,000 acres.

Abbitt further commented that the 1954 crop produced 88,000,000 pounds more than had been estimated by the Department in setting up its allotment. This was 8,000 acres above the allotted quota.

"For this reason it was necessary that stringent changes be made in the Burley tobacco program, if it is to be kept on a sound bisis and at 90 per cent of parity," Abbitt remarked.

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY FIELD DAY PLANNED

Farmers will get a chance to hear a resume of research work underway in animal husbandry at a field day at VPI April 8.

Members of the animal husbandry staff will discuss such projects as the use of hormones in producing spring lambs, phenothiazine salt mixes for parasite control in sheep, requirements for finishing steers and supplements for wintering heifer calves, among others.

A tour of college barns and inspection of livestock herds and flocks also is scheduled.

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SPOUT SPRING P.-T. A.

The P.-T. A. of the Spout Spring school held its monthly meeting at the school Monday night. Mrs. Norman Hunter Jones, program chairman, had prepared a very interesting program, consisting of special music by Miss "Jerry" Henry. A spelling match was held by the fifth sixth and seventh grades of the school. Floyd Coleman was winner with Harriette Carson runner-up.

Rev. Colen Godwin gave an interesting talk on "Home."

LOWER PRICES SEEN FOR VIRGINIA MELONS

Somewhat lower prices are foreseen for Virginia watermelons in 1955 as compared to the preceding two years.

And here are the reasons why, as explained by Dr. J. L. Maxton, agricultural economist at VPI.

States in the early summer group which market the bulk of their watermelons ahead of Virginia are planning to increase plantings by 28,000 acres over 1954, to 460,000 acres. These states produced 108 million watermelons last year. Normally only about 20,000 acres are grown for fresh market sale in the late summer group of states, which includes Virginia.

South Texas planted early but lost these to January and February freezes. Some of this acreage has not been replanted. As a result early season production from these acres is expected to begin later and lap over into the marketing period which normally belongs to the late summer group.

The important areas in watermelon production are Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Oklahoma. They have the greatest effect on prices received by Virginia growers, and all have increased acreages.

Dr. Maxton advises Virginia growers to decrease their acreage 10% from that planted in 1954 and says this is a year when the best production and marketing practices should be carried out to the letter. Select sandy loam soil which has not had watermelons planted in it for several years. The Congo variety is most commonly recommended. Fertilize with 400 to 600 pounds of 5-10-5 per acre. Spraying or dusting is a must for insect and disease control.

Before the melons are ready to harvest, contact potential buyers and inform them of the variety, size, acreage and expected days of cutting. Harvest ripe melons when the vines are dry. Carry them along driveways and place with the ground side up for loading. Handle and load melons carefully, using adequate padding material. Weigh and sell in evenly weghed lots. Melons of U. S. No. 1 grade and 30 pounds or more average weight should be labeled to indicate top quality. Give the weight, area where grown, and the grower's name and address.

AMHERST MAN HEADS CANCER CRUSADE

Brigadier General Frank Camm, USA, ret., of Amherst County, will lead the April Cancer Crusade in Virginia, in which 107 local units of the American Cancer Society will participate.

The announcement that General Camm will lead the state campaign was made Thursday by Mrs. Powell Glass, president of the Virginia Division, ACS, at a board meeting in Richmond.

The Cancer Crusade, conducted annually in April, is the occasion for an intensive educational campaign in all counties, bringing before the public information on cancer's seven danger signals and the need for regular physical check-ups.

Education is one of the three major phases of the American Cancer Society's three-pronged program. The other two are service to cancer patients and research toward finding new methods of curing cancer.

In accepting leadership of the Crusade, General Ca... am honored upon... native state to be ... an important under... 1955 Cancer Crusade... Cancer is a problem ... all and I am pleased ... in the crusade again... est enemy.' In Virg... cancer claimed the l... than 3,700 persons ... "The April Crusade ... can Cancer Society ... two purposes—it ... saving information ... the general public and ... one the opportunity ... financially to the ... pronged attack on ... research, education ... patients. I fully rea... tance of the success ... to the program of ... Cancer Society and ... my best efforts will ... it."

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America has a gigantic sweet tooth. VPI economists point out that it takes 8,000,000 tons of sugar per year (100 pounds per person) to satisfy it.

Linking the high consumption of sweets with tooth decay, which affects more than 95% of the population, doctors explain that fermentation of sugar in the mouth produces the acids which start the trouble. Significant factors in preventing tooth decay are regular meals, no in-between-meal eating and little candy or dessert.

Heart diseases killed more people in Virginia between July 1, 1953, and June 30, 1954, than did any other single cause. Watch weight, undue worry, and over-fatigue.

Cancer, a disease which takes an increasing number of lives each year, was third among death causes in Virginia last year. The total was 3,635 a figure which includes deaths caused by leukemia, commonly called cancer of the blood stream. Be sure members of your family have regular physical check-ups.

A survey on breakfast habits of children 9 to 12 years old shows the importance of two factors for good breakfasts. Breakfast scores went up when mother or adult prepared the meal. The child who prepared his own breakfast did not eat as adequately. Also the results show that boys and girls who ate breakfast with the whole family averaged higher scores than the other children.

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Rev. B. T. Price, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
W. Smith, Superintendent.
Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Meeting, 8:00 P. M.
subject: "The Triumphal ...
Band, 6 P. M.
6:45 P. M. Peggy Smith
Leader.
Worship, 7:30 P. M.
Gospel of Mark. Youth
will sing.
Official Board will meet Wed...
evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Seventh-day Adventist Church
William Carey, Pastor
Saturday, April 2, 1955
Sabbath School at 9:30 A. M.
Worship at 11:00
Sermon subject: "Commu...
Mrs. Walter Young, speaker.
Meeting Friday night at 7:30

St. Ann's Episcopal Church
Church School, at 11 A. M.
Frank K. Mabley, Supt.

Madison Heights Baptist Church
Morning worship service of
Madison Heights Baptist Church
will be broadcast over radio station
WVOD, Lynchburg, each Sunday in
April. The Rev. Floy W. Cox is the
pastor.

Red Oak Baptist Church
Established 1774
Edgar S. Price, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Robert Lacado, Superintendent.
Morning Worship, 11 o'clock.
Subject: "Who Is This?" A Palm
Sunday message.
Training Union, 7 P. M.
Markley Cabiness, Director.
The church will hold its annual
clean-up day Saturday afternoon,
starting at one o'clock. The ladies
will please come prepared for the
housecleaning and the men will
please come prepared to clean up
the lawn and cemetery.
Remember: Easter Sunday we will
observe our annual Sunrise service
at 6 o'clock A. M. The public is
cordially invited.
The simultaneous Revival will be-
gin Easter and continue for two
weeks. Plan to attend every night
and hear the messages on Prophecy.

Liberty Baptist Church
Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr., Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M
Training Union 6:45 P. M.
Evening Worship 8:00 P. M.
Prayer Service, Wed., 7:30 P. M.

Nursery open during each Sunday service, for infants through three.

Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church
Dr. W. Twyman Williams, Pastor
10:00 A. M., Sunday School, Mr. C. Lewis McDearmon, Supt.
6:30 P. M., Youth Fellowship.
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship.

Hixburg Presbyterian Church
11:00 A. M.—Preaching by the Pastor.

TREE SEEDLINGS AVAILABLE IN VA.

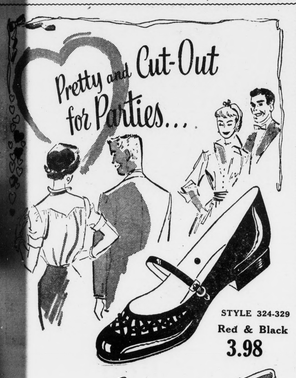
During fiscal year 1953-54 over 1700 Virginia land owners requested technical on-the-ground advice concerning their forested areas. This amounted to over 140,000 acres of woodland examined by trained foresters.

During the same fiscal year over 55,000,000 board feet of saw timber was measured and marked for cutting by Virginia Forest Service foresters on private land. This does not include 20,000 cords of pulpwood and the 29,000 seed trees measured and marked. There was a total of 1,267,347 cords of pulpwood produced in the state of Virginia alone.

In order that this cut over land and other idle land may be replanted, the Virginia Forest Service operates two forest tree nurseries. One is located at Charlottesville and the other is on Route 60 several miles east of Providence Forge, in New Kent County.

Forest tree seedlings are available to landowners at approximate cost of production. In 1953-54, Virginians planted 16 million seedlings. Nursery inventories show an equal number of seedlings available for the 1954-55 planting period. Most species will cost $4.00 per thousand seedlings F. O. B. Nursery.

The Forest Service owns 9 mechanical tree planters which are available for loan to tree purchasers. These planters are capable of setting 10,000 seedlings per day.



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Fungicide-insecticide mixtures on the market, when used to treat seed, will be beneficial to many garden crops.

S. B. Fenne, plant pathalogist at VPI, suggests that gardeners, particularly commercial gardeners, buy one of these ready-prepared mixtures and use according to recommendations on the container. In general the job will require adding the amount of mixture (rate varies with the crop) to water (½ pint per bushel of seed) and mixing the solution well with the seed. The seed is then spread out and allowed to dry before planting.

For small quantities of seed such as are used by home gardeners, this slurry method of seed treatment will be quite difficult and perhaps impractical. It appears that it is more practical for the home gardener to depend on his seedsmen to supply treated seed.

At the Virginia Truck Experiment Station at Norfolk, tests indicate that proper treatment protects the young plants from insects, such as seed corn maggot, wireworms, etc., as well as soil-borne diseases that cause damping off.

Many mixtures of fungicides and insecticides have been used. Several of them have proved beneficial and in some cases increased the stand and yield of crops such as sweet corn, lima beans, and snap beans many times over. If you've had trouble getting stands, it may be that the new chemical mixtures, or buying treated seed, will be the answer to your problem.

The real problem in teaching—and it's a real challenge to the genuine teacher — is not to rule out competition, but to preserve the courage and hope of those who seldom win rewards. —Hartford Courant.

Old Joe Jones says, "There is one thing to be said about ignorance—it sure causes a lot of arguments." —Hartwell, Ga., Sun.

Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries. —American Eagle.

Local Lady Has Letter Written By Mrs. Lee

A letter written by Mrs. Robert E. Lee April 23, 1865, is in the possession of Mrs. Richard Janatka, of Appomattox. The letter was found among the papers of Mrs. Janatka's aunt, the late Mrs. Ferguson Carey who was long a prominent leader in the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The letter was written by Mrs. Lee to Miss Mary Meade. Parts of it are quoted by the late Dr. Douglas S. Freeman in his writings on General Lee.

The letter, which was loaned to H. A. Gurney, Supt. of the Appomattox National Historical Park, for study, reads as follows:

Richmond, 23rd.

I have just heard my dear cousin Mary of an opportunity to Clarke and write to tell you that we are all well as usual and thro' the mercy of God all spared thro' the terrible ordeal thro' which we have passed. I feel that I could have blessed God if those who were prepared had filled a soldier's grave. I bless Him that they are spared. I trust for future usefulness to their poor unhappy country. My little Rob has not yet come in but we have reason to think he is safe. —Tho' it has not pleased Almighty God to crown our expectations with success in the way and manner we expected yet we must still trust and pray not that our will but His may be done in Heaven and in earth. I could not begin to tell you of the startling events that have been crowded into the last few weeks but I want you all to know that when Gen'l Lee surrendered he had only 8 thousand and 7 hundred muskets—that the enemy by their own account had nearly 80 thousand men well provisioned and equipped while ours had been out 7 days with only 2 days rations, that they were fighting by day and marching all night without even time to parch their corn, their only food for several days, that even in this exhausted state they drove back the hosts of the enemy but could not follow up their advantage that had Grant demanded an unconditional surrender they had determined to sell their lives as dearly as possible and cut their way thro' his encircling hosts, but the conditions offered were so honorable that Gen'l Lee decided it was wrong to sacrifice the lives of those brave men when no object could be gained by it. For my part it will always be a source of pride and consolation to me to know that all mine have perilled their lives, fortune and even fame in so holy a cause. We can hear nothing certain from the rest of the Army or from our President. May God bless and protect them. We can only pray for them. Our plans are all unsettled. Gen'l Lee is very busy settling up his army matters and then we shall all probably go to some of those empty places in the vicinity of the White House. Fitzhugh Lee has gone down there to see what he can do but the place is an utter scene of desolation. So is our whole country and the cruel policy of the enemy has accomplished its work too well. They have achieved by starvation what they never could win by their valor nor have they taken a single town in the South except Vicksburgh that we have not evacuated. Dear Cousin, write me about you all and how you manage to exist. Would that I were able to help you. I do not think we shall be here very long therefore unless you can write at once you had better wait till you hear from me again. The girls and the General write in love. He is wonderfully well considering all he has endured.+N —Smith's wife is here and several of her boys who have come in. Love to all friends and affectionately, etc.

M. C. Lee.

(Note: Mary Custis Lee).

A honeymoon is the vacation a man takes after going to work for a new boss. —Life Today.

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